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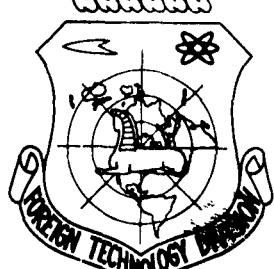
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Method of Obtaining Perfluodicarbonic Acids

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Perfluorized dicarbonic acids can be widely used in reactions of poly-condensation for the obtaining of noncombustible heat-resistant polymers-polyesters and polyamides.

However, up to the present time such perfluorized acids were difficult to obtain, since they are obtained with very low yields by electrochemical fluorization of the respect dicarbonic acids or oxidation of unsaturated fluorocarbons, which are also little accessible.

There is also known the obtaining of perfluoricarbonic acids by the oxidation of perfluorized diolefins by potassium permanganate. However, the obtaining of perfluorized dicarbonic acids by this method from adipic and higher acids is not described in the literature.

For the purpose of obtaining by the method propose, perfluodicarbonic acids of the general formula HOOC (CF₂)_{4,1+4} COOH, one subjects to oxidation by potassium permanganate ω -perfluodiolefin with a number of carbon atoms equal to or greater than eight and the multiple four. It is recommended that one do the oxidizing in an aqueous acetone solution at 20 to 25°. The yield of the acids are close to the theoretical.

Example. Perfluosebacic acid.

Into a three-necked retort provided with a stirrer, a trickling funnel, and a thermometer, one puts 150 ml of water, 150 ml of acetone, and 30 g of KMnO_4 . To the reaction mixture one adds drop by drop while stirring and maintaining a temperature of 20 to 25°, 22.4 g of perfluododecadiene-1,11 in 100 ml of acetone. The stirring goes on for five hours. The precipitate is filtered out and washed with hot water. The solution is decolorized by sulfurous gas, concentrated by evaporation to 70 ml, and acidified by 50-percent sulfuric acid. The perfluorobasic acid is extracted by ester. The yield of the acids amounts to 18 g (92% of the theoretical; melting point 160-161° (from water).

Analogously from perfluorooctadiene-1,7 one gets perfluoradipic acid with a yield of 86%, melting point 134-135° (from toluene).

Object of Invention

A method of obtaining perfluodicarboxylic acids by means of Oxidation of perfluorolefins by permanganate of potassium, which is distinguished by the fact that for the purpose of obtaining acids of the general formula $\text{HOOC}(\text{CF}_2)_{4n+4}\text{COON}$ one subjects to oxidation α,ω -perfluorodiolefin with the number of carbon atoms equal to greater than eight and the multiple four.

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